

News and Views . . .
and what have you
by BOB CRAIG

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BOB CRAIG

Jimmy moved his head very slowly on the pillow. He had been playing wounded cowboy, lying still and feeling the winter darkness creep into the room, listening to the sounds beyond the window . . . the crunch of snow as the cars sped by, the jar of the switching boxcars in the nearby railroad siding. But mostly the voices.

His wan little face drew tighter around the eyes. If only he could be like the other kids, shouting and running past windows! It had been so long since he had walked and played.

He turned his face to the wall. Mama would be coming in and he didn't want her to see him this way. Mama . . . his whole, wide-wonderful world.

Since they had brought him home from the hospital, every moment of Mama's day was merged into his. She was always near, her gentle hands like the touch of an angel.

He didn't want to be sick. He remembered when Papa's "Well, Tim, old man . . ." made him forget the long day. Now it hurt the way Papa said it.

And Mama, telling him when she held him, about Jesus and His Heavenly home.

"Mama, when I go to Heaven will the angels let me play?" But Mama had run crying from the room and she didn't come back for a long time.

He was floating on his back now, drifting . . . The murmur of voices in the next room came to him from far, far off. He was so tired! He couldn't remember when he had been so tired, but he mustn't go to sleep now; not with all that magic on the other side of the door going on. If only he could stay awake!

And Papa with Mama sitting beside his bed talking to him and making him think about Christmas all the time—like something to do with his getting well.

But, criminy, they were worse than kids! Why, Santa wouldn't be here for three whole days!

Timmy was right; Santa wouldn't be due for three days yet. But then Timmy did not know that his picture had been in the newspaper. Timmy and the word "leukemia" and what the doctors had to say with an urgent appeal to the heart of a great city to move Christmas closer for one small boy.

All Timmy knew, it was about to happen—now.

He could barely keep awake now. They had better come for him soon. He wanted to open

A Wish On A Star

By John Toohey

"Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me: for such is the Kingdom of Heaven" . . . St. Matthew, 19:14



his eyes but they seemed weighted down. And now the great chill was steadily creeping over him—and he was so tired. So awful tired . . .

Timmy bounced along like a breeze in April on legs ("Gee, they never get tired!") that seemed to float under him. He hadn't gotten his wings yet; he was grounded until he knew his way around a little more. This was such a big place . . . bigger than the roundhouse where Papa had once taken him!

He had a pal too, who had taken him under his wing so to speak. Willie. Like everything else in this wonderful place, Willie had been there like a real pal, waiting, like he knew he was coming. He knew the ropes too, Willie did. He had been around quite a while.

Take the way he explained it when Timmy wondered why he had been here so long . . .

"Gosh sakes, Tim, if everybody grew up, there wouldn't be any kids in Heaven!"

"Gee, I never thought of that," Timmy said. That Willie was a wise little guy all right.

They were strolling now in The Garden, where beauty and wonder all blended with the music of children's laughter. Funny thing, it was like he had always lived here; why he didn't feel strange at all, he knew so many of these kids! But golly, they were so different from the way he remembered them. There was Joey from down the block. He had worn braces and talked funny and his hands flopped around like they weren't his at all. One day he didn't come around anymore, and Papa told Timmy that Joey had gone away. Boy, if Joey's Mama and Papa could see their Joey now! Why, he was hollering like the dickens, pedaling like mad, no different at all from the other kids.

And Rags; all the kids called him that because his pants were always torn, and he was so skinny.

And Tina who was blind. One day she fell into a hole and they took her away and we never saw her again. Now she was here too, but she could see and she was running and playing with all the other kids and there was laughter in her eyes where before there was nothing.

There were no quarrels, for no child had more than anyone else and everyone had everything—"for this was the Kingdom of Heaven."

Yes it was all Mama had promised in this wonderful Forever After . . . Mama. And Papa. Gee, if they only could be here too! But again Willie, Heavenly-wise, drew on first hand experience to comfort his new little pal. Just a while he told Timmy, and they would all be together again. A year, ten years (time meant so little here). It would be like waiting for them to come home from shopping at the store.

Suddenly Timmy was confused. Where was everyone going? All this wondrous excitement, this sudden hurrying in one direction. But of course . . . How could he have forgotten—this was The Night.

From the Playgrounds of Paradise they came—laughing, dancing, singing. High above and distant at first, now rolling across the heavens with the mighty beat of a giant drum, the voices of all the angels rang out in hallelujahs to become hushed and whisper-soft as the flutter of birds' wings as His little ones skipped and danced into the great Palace of the Throne.

Then a child's voice was heard—then another's and others until they all were singing, "Happy birthday to You, happy birthday to You, happy birthday dear Jesus, happy birthday to the TREE!! Up, up it day to You."

And now Timmy saw it. The reached, rising to the very dome of Heaven, its branches silver rainbows darting in and out of the stars. Sunbeams peeped through the foliage lighting the great tree with the glow of the dawn. And lo, above it all, in a dazzling halo more brilliant than the sun, The Star appeared lighting the Universe with its message as it had so long ago.

Ooooooh, look!" With one voice they cried out. Never, never was there a tree like this. Banked around it, like like a

adise the night of Jesus' birth. Jee-rusalem! But what more could a fellow want—unless—a Christmas present to the two he loved so much on earth! If they could only know, so as not to be sad or too lonely because he had left them.

"Please, could my Mama and Papa know where I am . . ."

"Well, now . . ." the Keeper of the Gate said, and stroking his long beard he looked high above the heads of the little ones and waited; waited just like Timmy, but a bit more confidently for his answer.

Snow, falling steadily since dark, settled deep on the porch of the little house. In a darkened corner stood the tinsel tree, but there was no joy of Christmas for the two who faced it. Timmy's Mama and Papa alone now with their sorrow asking that eternal question, "Why, Why, Why?"

For a long while neither one spoke, and then while they stared into the half-darkness, an anchoring memory in every shadow, softly it came to them like the far tinkling of a bell. Then nearer, swelling higher as the rising of the wind, the voices of children filled the night, the sweet voices of little ones singing Christmas Carols, "All is calm, all is bright."

And while they listened, the harsh lines of sorrow in their faces softened, and in their eyes came the knowledge of the Miracle. That voice—it came like the beat of a heart between them, its joyful message to them alone filling the room like the sun on a winter's day. It was memories and heartaches, laughter and tears, "Mama" and "Papa" from the lips of a child, the first step taken with a tiny hand clinging to theirs. It was a melody of all, blending like drops of honey—strumming on their heartstrings.

The woman's lips moved but no words came, and the man's thoughts were hers. Going to the door, his hand trembled as he turned the knob. Snow, feathery as down, blew in through the open doorway, and when the last note had drifted away on the still night air, he closed the door softly and took his place at the woman's side.

"I couldn't see . . ." his voice trailed off finding no words for the wonder of it. "They left no footprints in the snow."

The woman's hand touched his, the light in her eyes the peace of understanding. Once more she was holding her first born in her arms. Words? What need was there for words? Can words clarify a miracle? Do we question the sun when it rises in the morning?

A switch clicked softly as the man left her side, and where there was darkness before, the room came aglow with red and green and rays of gold as the lights of the tree shone softly



Youth Present Music Program At First Baptist

The children and youth choirs of the First Baptist Church presented the traditional Christmas music service at the church Wednesday evening at 7:45. There are 85 enrolled in the four choirs.

The beginner choir with 14 enrolled, is under the direction of Mrs. Henry Albritton with Dotty Albritton as pianist.

The primary choir with Mrs. Clyde Lewis and Debbie Rountree as pianists has 15 enrolled.

S. L. Tate directed the junior choir composed of 28 members with Judy Fitzgerald at the piano.

The Youth Choir includes 23 members. Tate directed the group in the cantata, "The Music of Christmas."

Those enrolled in the musical program of the church are as follows:

BEGINNER CHOIR—Terry Blackwell, Elaine Carlton, Ricky Craig, Gary Ford, Mark Fowler, Becky Harmon, Janet Hartley, Debbie Hix, Cheryl Lewis, Patrice Moore, Donnie Nelson, Luke Reynolds, Gerald Rodgers, Alan Steele.

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YOUTH CHOIR—Jan Albritton, Dotty Albritton, Lynn Brannon, Doug Carlton, Elizabeth Cunningham, David Drummond, Connie Jo Duncan, Judy Fitzgerald, Barbara Graham, Robert Harris, Lavonia Haight, Virginia Haight, Sammy Hester, Rose Lovell, Lynn Miller, Vicki Newland, Mary Lois Patterson, Cecil Price, Carolyn Reynolds, Marolyn Reynolds, Debbie Rountree, Rheana Sanderlin, Jack Townley Jr., Mary M. Turner, Christy Wallace.

Student Night

The college students of the First Baptist Church who are at home for the Christmas and New Year's holiday vacation will be in charge of the worship services Sunday evening, Dec. 30 at 7:15 p.m.

Hamlin Invited To Have Day at Fat Stock Show

FORT WORTH—The Hamlin Board of City Development has received an invitation to be honored on a special day at the 1963 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 25-February 3.

W. R. Watt, Stock Show president-manager, said by selecting a "day" at Fort Worth's 67-year old exposition the city would receive special recognition both at the show and over a wide area of Texas.

The invitation provides a block reservation of Rodeo seats, for advance sale locally. The delegation would be presented to the Rodeo crowd in a spotlighted introduction during the performance. The local band is invited to play a concert on the Stock Grounds and be the show's guests at the Rodeo.

The 1963 Fort Worth Rodeo will feature the unique arrangement of three major producers combining to furnish the roughest bucking stock in America—so voted by the cowboy themselves. Minnie Pearl, comedy star of "Grand Ole Opry" fame, will entertain Rodeo audiences along with three other comedy, trick riding and precision riding attractions.

There also will be cutting horse, show horse and ranch girl barrel racing competition in the Fort Worth Rodeo. More than 10,000 entries are expected in the livestock division, which includes a new class for Galiceno horses.

The city is invited as well to name a cowgirl sweetheart to ride in the Rodeo grand entry and on the special day, and be introduced to the audience. Area riding clubs also are invited to ride in the opening day parade, in the Rodeo grand entry on the special day, or both.

The Southwest Exposition is the nation's oldest major livestock show, and its Rodeo is the world's original indoor Rodeo.

Hamlin to Close Christmas and New Year's Day

Most of the business houses of Hamlin will close Tuesday, and also on the following Dec. 25, for Christmas Day Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day.

'Why Christmas' Presented by Foursquare Church

A play in four scenes entitled, "Why Christmas," was presented Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the Foursquare Church.

The play, directed by Mrs. Spencer Liles, was characterized by Buddy and Mollie Lee, Bobby Tabb, Marsha Bailey, Buddy and Mae Belle Goodgame, Steven Ray Liles, Mrs. S. C. Hollis, Phyllis Hollis, Linda Bailey, Marsha Goodgame, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Skaggs, Ronald Kennedy, Judy Liles and the Rev. Spencer L. Liles, pastor.

Miss Hollis played Christmas carols at the organ between scenes.

A bag of fruit, candy and nuts was given to each one present. There was also an exchange of gifts.

Mrs. Lillie Wittenburg left Sunday for the holidays with her niece, Mrs. W. C. Hudson, in Clarksville. She went with her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bingham of Anson. They will return Wednesday.

Time to bid the old year adieu and to say... Happy New Year to you!

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AUSTIN—Every 24 hours, as an average man or woman, you inhale 30 to 35 pounds of air. You have no choice of quality. Pure, foul or questionable—you take it as it comes.

In London the other day, the air was fouled to the point that it killed 106 people. That tragic incident heightens interest in Texas' own methods of detecting and controlling atmospheric contaminants which might be injurious to public health.

The situation in Texas, when compared to most other states, is far from critical. But State Department of Health engineers feel that Texas' growth within recent years is a valid reason for staying alert.

Twenty air sampling stations now operate on a regular schedule across the state. Nine of them are part of a gigantic coast-to-coast network designed to measure the type and extent of air pollution in American cities and towns. The other 11 stations comprise a separate state network.

The stations work like this: Each is equipped with a small device resembling a vacuum cleaner. It draws great quantities of air through a special glass fiber filter which can be easily removed for analysis.

As air rushes through the filter, tiny particles of atmospheric matter adhere to it. After a specified period of operation, filter contents are analyzed.

By keeping a running record of what is being trapped by the air samplers, it is possible to keep both state and local officials informed so as to give them a clear picture of air pollution at collection points in their areas. In this way, conditions can be related to climate, geography, population densities, and industrial development.

Sampling stations are also capable of detecting radioactive fallout. "Fallout" is the name given to particles of matter—dust, earth, building materials, rocks—atomized and made radioactive by nuclear explosions and sucked skyward by updrafts. The particles eventually settle back to earth as "fallout," sometimes after traveling great distances at tremendous heights.

Texas air sampling stations also provide valuable information on background radiation to which the whole earth is constantly subjected. Normal background radiation must be known before increases in radioactivity can be recognized.

But the stations serve primarily as indicators of man-made pollution against which controls will continue to be applied. (From the Division of Public Health Education, Texas State Department of Health.)

Christ's Birth Date Remains A Mystery

Christmas is celebrated throughout the Christian world as the birth date of Christ. True enough, but what day exactly that Christ was born is a mystery.

The date has been in dispute for centuries with the exception of one thing. All agree that it wasn't December 25th.

At one time or another Christmas was celebrated in January, March, April, May, October, November, and December.

The reasons for the divergence of beliefs are: the Bible does not give any clues; the early manuscripts disagree; the interpretations of the manuscripts disagree and finally, the calendars have changed over the years.

One theory why December 25 was chosen was because Saturnalia was the great Roman holiday, and it came around the third week in December.

In the face of disagreement one fact emerges from the miasma of argument and interpretation: Christmas is celebrated to commemorate His birth. The names differ, the dates differ and the many ways of expressing the spirit of the season cannot be counted. But Christmas is a wondrous time and December 25 is our date for remembering and celebrating.

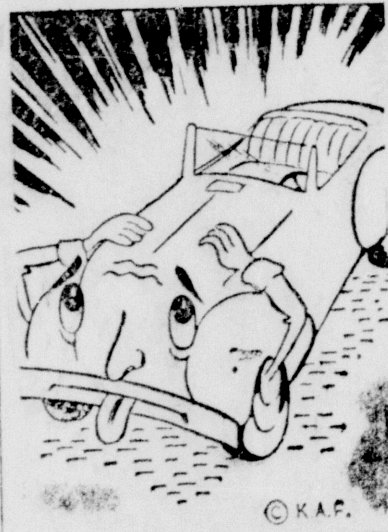
13, 18 Centuries Birth of Famous Christmas Carols

It was the tolling of the church bells one Christmas morning back in 1730 that inspired Charles Wesley (younger brother of the founder of the Methodist church, John) to write the famous, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and then the immortal "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles) is said to have been written as early as 1221.

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"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny, the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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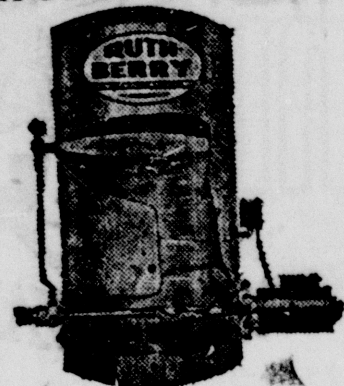
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I would like to express my thanks to everyone for being so nice to me during my stay in the hospital; for the gifts, flowers, cards and visits; and a special thanks to Dr. Smith and Mrs. Higdon, and all of the nursing staff. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Benson Payne 10-1p

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and so each to his own native city travelled, among them, Joseph and his wife, Mary, she swaddling clothes and gloried in His beauty.

And in this country too, were



Christianity was born on earth.

And for nearly 2,000 years this Spirit has lived—pointing the way for the morals of the world whenever men of good heart live and heed the teachings of Him who preached, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

And the way the story goes, it was in the year 3761 by the old calendar, that Caesar decreed that a tax would be levied on everyone in the realm.

Poor these two were, sore beset by travail as they journeyed from Galilee to the city of David, known as Bethlehem, to do the bidding of Caesar.

And it came to pass that when they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary brought forth her first-born Son, and because there was no room at the inn where Joseph begged shelter, her infant Jesus was born in a manger. Mary wrapped Him in

flocks by day and guarded them by night; and it came to pass that three of them were visited by an Angel of the Lord one night when the sky was spangled with stars; an angel who came upon them during the vigil and made himself known through the glory of the Lord that shone about them. And they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them,

Holy Land Birthplace Of Three Of World's Great Religions

It is questionable whether many people realize the geographical area that comprised the world around which Christianity grew. It is also more amazing to contemplate the world today and the influence Christianity has had upon civilization when it is reflected that all the events of the Bible records occurred in an area no more than 80 miles wide and 400 miles long!

The area known as the Holy Land is small indeed. The historical events however, which have taken place in this tiny piece of land, have almost literally taken civilization by its heels and shaken it into a realization of the difference between good and evil, even though in some parts of the world this realization is not openly acknowledged.

Within these small boundaries, contrasts can be found that are startling. For example, near Galilee the rainfall is abundant, while not far distance the desolates of the Negev desert is well known. Within a distance of 15 miles one can travel from heights of 2600 feet above sea level to 1297 below sea level.

The oldest inhabited city in the world is in the Holy Land. It is Damascus, which has been continuously inhabited from the earliest recordings of Biblical times to the present. The old wall around Damascus still stands and is so thick in places

that many families have carved out homes from its massive-ness.

The oldest city in terms of founding dates is Jerico. It is said to be 10,000 years old. However, it has not always been inhabited. There have been four Jericos at various times, each not more than two miles from the previous sites.

Also in this fabulous land is the River Jordan. It now is a muddy stream not more than 50 feet wide that's deep in the springtime and dry during the hot summer months.

Many people are under the false impression that the Sea of Galilee is really a sea. It is not. It is a lake 13 miles long and 8 miles wide.

There is one place in the Holy Land that is more famous than any other—Jerusalem. Even today, it is a walled city, that has been besieged and razed more than thirty times, rebuilt at least six times, and is little more than 80 acres in area. Outside the wall of Jerusalem is the famous Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives.

Nazaret, the city from which Joseph and Mary started on their trip to Bethlehem, is now a barren small town.

The Holy Land is the birthplace of the world's great relig-

Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them to Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass which the Lord hath made known to us."

And lo, the Star which they saw in the east went before them until it came and stood

over where the Child was.

And they came with haste and found Mary and the Babe lying in the manger as they were told.

And then there were the three kings—the three wise men who had gazed into the brilliance of the Heavens, and there shining in the east was one Star greater than all the rest.

And when they saw the Star they rejoiced with exceeding joy and prepared to go to Him born of Mary in the manger.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the Child with His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh in the first year of our Lord.

St. Francis of Assisi Originator of Church Christmas Carol Singing



Regardless of the derivation, it was St. Francis of Assisi who was credited with having given popularity to carol singing when he is said to have conducted a Christmas service singing the Gospel and giving a sermon in song.

When minstrels and folk singing swept the land back in Richard the Lion-Hearted's day, carols were kept alive through the simple folk in community after community, who passed them down from generation to generation. But it was not until the 15th Century when the custom finally broke away from the austerity and sombre chants of the Church and reached its

popularity and magnificence.

But then came the Puritans in the 17th Century who sternly forbade joyous celebrations at Christmas, and the singing of carols went into a decline.

It wasn't until the 19th Century before the singing of carols again came into open popularity. And this was only made possible through the illicit printing and singing of carols in the privacy of the homes of the people who loved them dearly.

In 1840, the world famous, "Silent Night" appeared in print, and today its beauty resounds the world over in every Christian land at Christmastime.

NEINDA PHILOSOPHER TAKES TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YULE SPIRIT HAS ARRIVED ONCE AGAIN



Editor's note: The Neinda Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on route one, has some Christmas thoughts this week.

Dear editor: Along about this time every year people used to say, "What, you mean Christmas is here again? Why it doesn't seem like any time since the last one."

But you don't hear that anymore, and anybody who claims Christmas has slipped up on him obviously has a busted television and hasn't seen a newspaper since before Thanksgiving.

I was talking with a prominent man in town the other day and he said he'd noticed that Christmas cards have started arriving a lot earlier than they used to, he'd already gotten 75 two weeks before Christmas.

Another man chimed in and said, "Yeah, but isn't it a shame some people wait twelve months and let you hear from them only at Christmas time?"

Well, now, I'll tell you. Hearing from some people once a year is just about right. But I won't go into that. Congress will never get around to handling the problem of kinfolks and in-laws. That's one area you haven't got anything to worry about when it comes to Washington's stepping in with Federal control. Congressmen are human beings, too. They've got relatives too, and they'll never tamper with a system whereby a Christmas card is a substitute for a visit.

I know some people say that Christmas has been commercialized, but all I've got to say to that is I wish I could say as

much for this Johnson grass farm.

There's nothing wrong with giving gifts at Christmas time, and there's nothing wrong with receiving them. I'm in favor of both, and if you know of anybody who's opposed to the latter, put me in touch with him. I'll be glad to relieve him of his burden.

I like Christmas, and I'll come right out in the open and say it: Merry Christmas, Mr. Craig.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

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HUDSPETH-RICHEY VOWS READ FRIDAY IN CHRISTMAS SETTING

A Christmas setting in the First Baptist Church was the scene for the Friday evening wedding of Linda Jorene Hudspeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudspeth, and John Harvey Richey, son of Mrs. Jack Richey and the late Mr. Richey.

The double ring ceremony was read by the Rev. Leonard Hartley. All white decorations were used to form the background as the couple stood before the satin covered prie dieu.

A tiered arrangement of stock, gladioli, and chrysanthemums which centered the altar candelabras holding lighted votive cups and pairs of candelabras of cathedral candles and white Christmas trees. Jade leaves were twined through the candelabras.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white Alecon lace over bridal taffeta. The fitted bodice featured a square scalloped neckline accented with iridescent, and long sleeves,

self buttons. The double tiered lace skirt was caught up in a cascade of ruffles in the back forming a chapel length train. Her fingertip veil of French illusion fell from a tiny crown of white seed pearls and crystal tear drops encircled with ruffles of illusion. She carried a white cattleya orchid with a cascade of stephanotis on a white Eible.

The soloist was Ann Bryant of Abilene. Mrs. Henry Albritton was organist.

Glenda Sue Hudspeth, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. Jerry Fred Jay, bridesmatron, and Ann Rabjohn, Charlene Pendley and Glenda Chandler of Hobbs, N. M., bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Donna Croan. Ricky Harper of Wichita Falls, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Brenda Drake and Donna Lenior, both of Snyder, were candelighters.

Bill Richey was best man for his brother. Groomsmen were



MRS. JOHN HARVEY RICHEY
... formerly Linda Jorene Hudspeth

Bill Bailey of Oak Park, Mich., Earnest Parks of Wylie, Sam Harrison of Abilene, and Cl-vis Hale from Lorraine. Ushers were Jerry Fred Jay, and Tommy Bonds of Sweetwater.

The attendants wore street length dresses of white luster satin designed with fitted bodice, rounded neckline, elbow length sleeves, streetlength bell skirts, with matching satin shoes. Each wore a white satin pillbox hat with circular veil and carried a white candle surrounded with Fuji mums. The maid of honor carried a cascade arrangement of Fuji mums.

The reception was held in the Fellowship Hall. The bride's table was covered with a full length gathered cloth of white

bridal satin and was centered with an arrangement of white gladioli, chrysanthemums and stock entwining a branched silver quet and crystal appointments completed the table decor.

Mrs. John Ferguson poured with an arrangement of white gladioli, chrysanthemums and stock entwining a branched silver quet and crystal appointments completed the table decor. Mrs. Ed Croan. Other members of the house-party were Sarah Snapp, Gloria Jenkins, Sue Johnson and Carole Acker of Stamford, Mmes. Sammy Bryson, A. F. Haught, J. J. Crawford, Ben Parker, Charles Scott, L. C. Bonds, E. N. Jenkins, James Waggoner of Stamford, Also Messrs. and Mmes. C. F. Cook, Weldon Johnson, Nelson Shave and C. L. Howard.

Gary Ted Jay played musical selections during the reception and Jill Ann Waggoner handed out rice bags.

For a wedding trip to Houston and Galveston the bride chose a red wool suit with fur collar and lizard accessories. Her corsage was the orchid from her bridal bouquet.

The former Miss Hudspeth was graduated from Hamlin High School where she was a member of the Future Home-

makers of America, a major-ette, Miss Hamlin High School, Rotary Club Sweetheart and Senior Class Favorite. An active member of the First Baptist Church, she served as musician in the Adult Department of the Sunday School. She is now a student at Hardin-Simmons University majoring in speech and hearing therapy.

Richey is also a graduate of Hamlin High School and was active in basketball, football and served as a co-captain of the football team. He also served on the annual staff and was a member of the National Hon-

or Society. He is now a senior at McMurry College and is a member of the IHR Social Club, serving as Senior Big Chief, and plays on the varsity football squad. He is majoring in physical education and minoring in history and art.

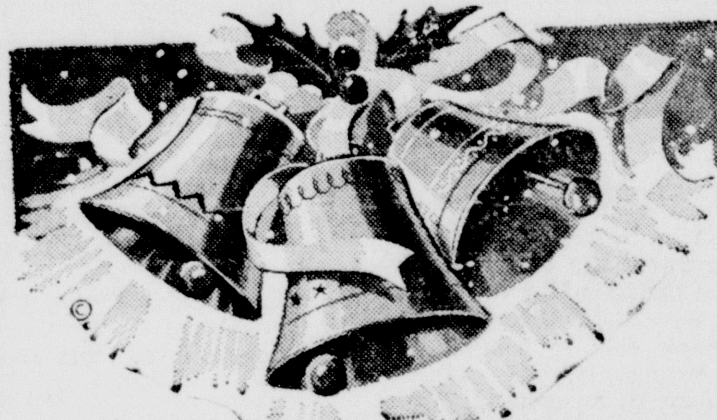
The couple will be at home at 1718 South 13th Street in Abilene after Jan. 1, 1963.

The rehearsal dinner was held at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening, Dec. 20, in the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Jack Richey, 551 West Lake Drive.

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'Chapman Report' Star Recommends Rustic Relaxation

"I don't believe in cutting yourself off from the world completely," says Elram Timbalist, Jr., who stars in "The Chapman Report," the provocative Warner Bros. drama opening Sunday at the Rogue Theatre, "but I think everyone should have a place to retreat when the pressures of ordinary living begin to mount up.

"It's necessary to have some hideaway you can retreat to and just think and enjoy nature. It's getting more and more difficult to find such a place, but it's worth the effort.

Zimbalist's own hideaway is a small Connecticut farm—complete with running brook and a meadow plus some fine stands of trees. Unfortunately, his Warner Bros. TV series commitment and feature pictures like "The Chapman Report" allow him very little time to enjoy it.

"The farm is relatively unspoiled. It's beyond commuting distance to New York City and isn't even near an expressway. And nobody seems to be building around me. It's a lovely peaceful place. It's no problem keeping me down on the farm—if only I could get there," says Zimbalist.

Zimbalist stars as the chief protagonist in "The Chapman Report," a Darryl F. Zanuck Production in Technicolor directed by George Cukor. As chief interviewer on a team of psychologists conducting a sex survey among the women of a wealthy suburban community, he comes into contact with four women portrayed by Shelly Winters, Jane Fonda, Claire Bloom and Glynis Johns.

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good little boy. I am 4 years old and I want a rifle that smokes, a punching bag, and a fire truck. I have a big brother and sister, Mike and Debbie. Mike wants a car racing set, and Debbie wants a little Betsy McColl doll with a dress, a Barbie bed, and a bagpipe. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love,
Danny Brown

Christmas Eve DANCE

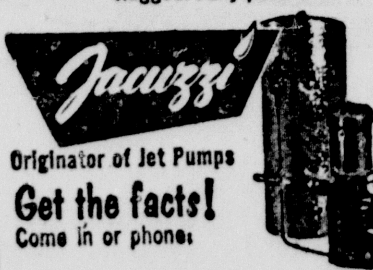
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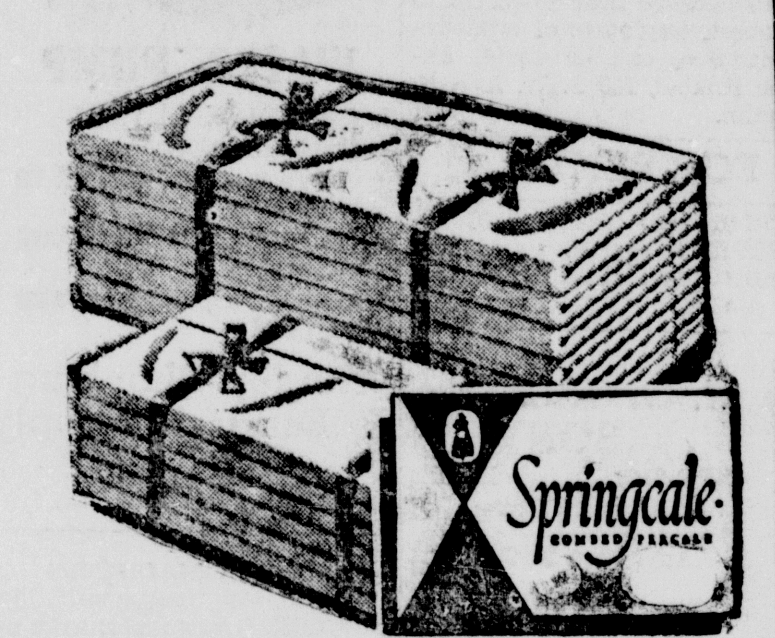
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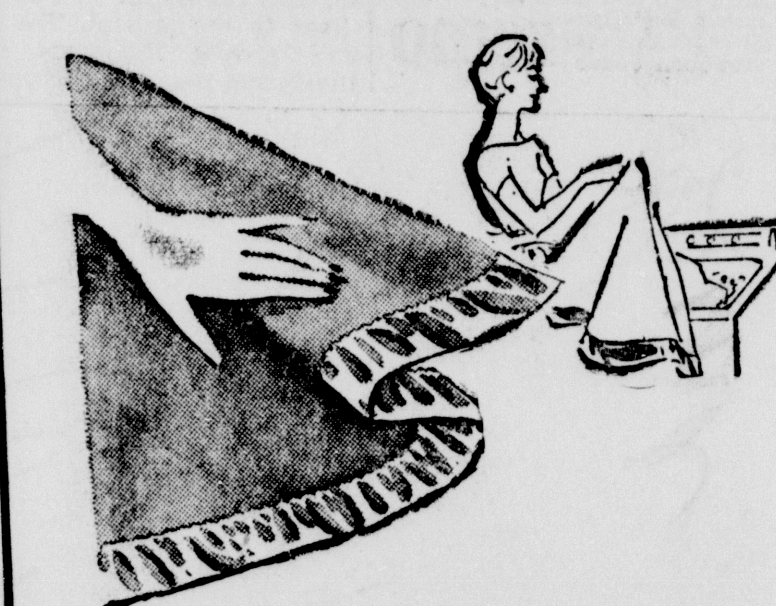
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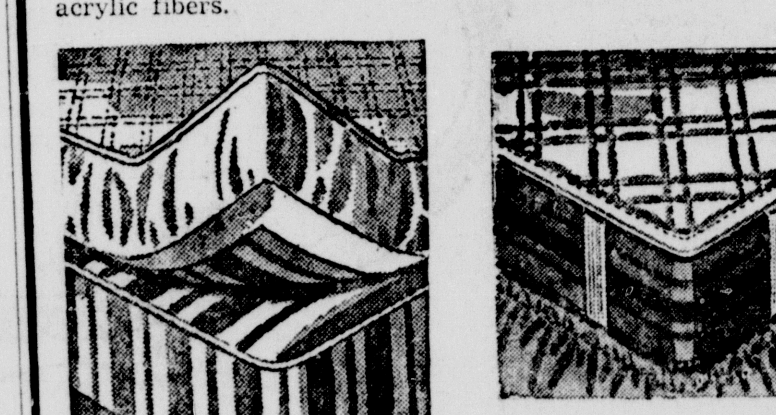
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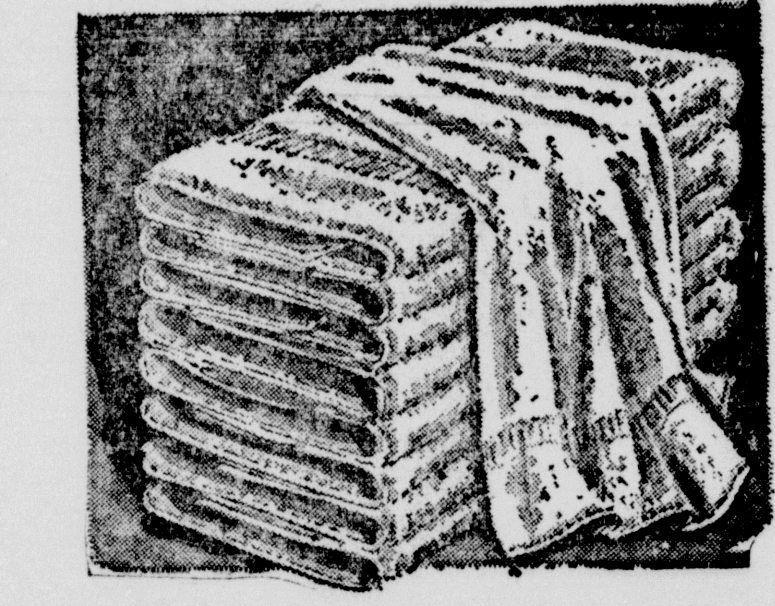
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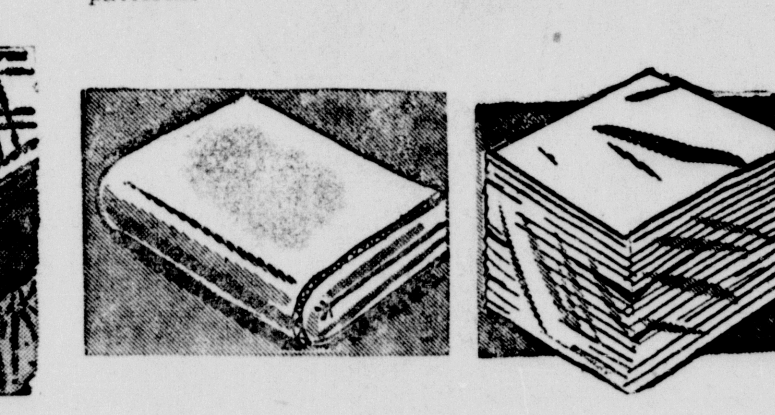
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Santa, 80 Years Old, Made In U. S. A.

Claims to the "new look" have come from various quarters of the globe, Paris and its Dior included, but the one indisputable fact emerges from all claimers of fame for the naming of the tag, and that is, Santa Claus was the harbinger of the "new look" back in 1882 with a "Made in USA" label indelibly stamped on the seat of his pants.

That doesn't mean to say that the spirit of Santa Claus isn't a composite one, not that his very make-up isn't a combination of many things from many lands beginning with St. Nicholas thru the Germanic Krist-kindl and back to ancient and even pagan times.

But it's the round-bellied jolly, ruddy faced character with the flowing white beard driving his reindeer-drawn sleigh across the night sky on Christmas Eve, to which reference is made, and this is definitely as American as turkey and apple pie.

It started, however, tall and grim, and to boot, he was riding a tall, thin horse. A far cry from our present day conception of the old boy.

Then followed the name, and the Christmas Saint from the English children borrowed Dutch, but it became a problem for the small-fry as well as their parents pronouncing his name, and through trial and error, many variations came to

pass until the name Santa Claus was adopted to remain for all time.

But that was only a change in the name. The awesome figure remained until Washington Irving put pen to paper and wrote "Knickerbocker's History of New York." He tried his hand at creating Santa Claus.

Irving, an early chronicler of American Colonial days was of course, influenced by the early Dutch settlers in New York and what came out as a result of his efforts was a Santa Claus that wore a broad brimmed hat, sported big baggy breeches, and smoked a long stemmed pipe. Very Dutch.

To top it all off he had his

"Santa" driving a wagon, which, too, was symbolic of the early Dutch in New York.

Then came the year 1882 and

with it two men who were destined to change the entire concept of Santa Claus in America, and who were responsible for the "new look" of the old gentleman and Christmas that has swept the world.

Clement Clark Moore, a professor of divinity at a New York theology siminary, sat himself down one and began a poem that went, "Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; ... Of course it was a poem that became famous overnight and

retained its popularity through the years. The name of it is, "A Visit From St. Nicholas" and is known in every English speaking nation in the world.

It was Moore who described Santa Claus as a round-bellied, twinkly-eyed, jolly old man with rosy cheeks. But that wasn't the end of it. He also added the sleigh and reindeer.

When Thomas Nast, a famous cartoonist for the Hearst newspapers, read the poem, he was inspired to illustrate it. And it was his creation of the San-

ta Claus we know today that took hold of the imagination of the people and was firmly established as the accepted Santa Claus, pot-belly, rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes, flowing white beard, reindeer, sleigh and all.

Actually, Santa Claus—USA version—is only 80 years old, but the "new look" created in our time has come to be accepted throughout the Christian World, and even if he isn't the giver of gifts in all countries, he nevertheless is as much the symbol of Christmas as anything else at Yuletide.



Thorn Tree Blooms In England, D.C.

A phenomenon occurs every Christmas, not known by many, that may be witnessed by anyone in the Cathedral of the Close in Washington, D.C. or Glastonbury, Somerset, England.

It is the story of the Holy Thorn Tree that blossoms in England every December 25th and in Washington some time during the same month.

The legend relates that two days before Christmas, St. Joseph of Arimathea approached Glastonbury. He carried with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

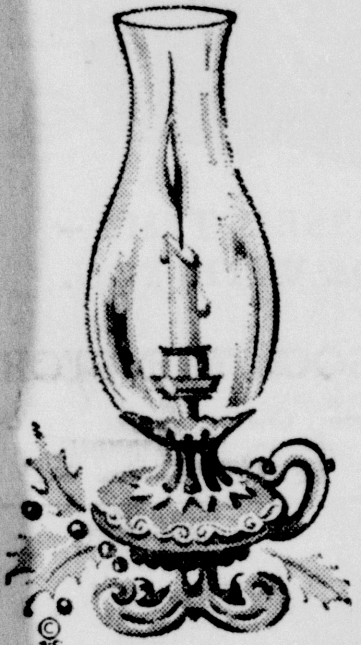
As St. Joseph came toward the town, he stopped to rest on the crest of a hill. He drove his staff into the ground and it took root immediately.

The next day, Christmas Eve, it had become a Thorn Tree and was covered with blossoms.

Dear Santa,
I am 8 and Margie is 6. I want a talking baby doll and Margie wants a tiny thimble-lina doll.

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Dear Santa,
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Love,
Luann Shira
PS—I have two big brothers, please remember them too.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little doll and a buggy and a play guitar. My name is
George Ann Pruitt
Thank you.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle and a camper truck. Love,
Howard McGowen

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck for Christmas.
Thank you,
Thomas Butler

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of skates, a basketball and goal-set, and guitar. My brother wants a train. Love,
Valynda Skaggs

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good. Please bring me a football suit. My little brother wants one, too. Thank you. Love,
Johnny Seay

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. Please bring me a football, and football suit, a gun set, and a wrecker. Thanks, Love,
Tummy Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is John Mark Johnson. I am six years old. I live at 528 N.W. Ave. C, Hamlin, Texas. I want a gun set, a wagon, wrecker, filling station and a jeep. Please remember Howard, Johnny, Luann and my teacher, Mrs. Connally. Thanks, Santa Claus.
John Mark Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want Ken's clothes, a case for Barbie's clothes. A tammy and Cynthia doll.
Cynthia Kay Witt

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun set, rocket watch and a truck.
Love, Ricky Crowley

Dear Santa,
My name is Lisa Rodgers and I am 6 years old. I am in the first grade. I like Christmas because I get many gifts. Please bring me a pretty doll, a game set, color-forms, pencil sharpener, a cash register, a bicycle. Please. I love you. Santa.
Lisa Rodgers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a basket of doll clothes and a basket of dishes and a record player and records. Love,
Ann Rumfield

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Dwayne Weaver

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I want a Ken doll and clothes, a pair of house shoes, a billfold, a suitcase, a car for Ken and Barbie.
Thank you.
Connie Christian

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and I want a doll bed or buggy.
Jamie Kim

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some model airplanes and cars. I am in the first grade. I have been a good boy.
Love, Terry Neal

Dear Santa,
I want a Bride doll and chairs and some chalk for my chalkboard.
Nancy Bogle

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and doll clothes for Christmas. Love,
Maria Endelia Palomin
PS—Also some doll dishes.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. And I want a doll bed or buggy.
Judy Kim

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll, some clothes and a suitcase for the doll. Also bring my little sister a doll and some clothes. Thank you very much.
Theresa Hambricht.

Dear Santa,
I want a cry-baby doll and a ball for Christmas.
Consuela Rangel

Dear Santa,
I want a rifle and a holster with two guns for Christmas. Also I want a Tiny Tears doll.
Love, Mignon Williams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me and my brothers and sisters some toys: a rifle, a gun set and two dolls.
Your friend,
Mary Amberiz

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a stroller.
I love you.
Diane Ford

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football suit, a football, and a gun, and a big bruiser truck. Your friend,
Danny Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a fire-truck western hat, chaps and western shirt, also an etch-o-sketch board.
Love,
Stanley Colley

Dear Santa,
I want a Paladin set and one of the etch-o-sketch boards.
Thank you,
Steve Mackey

Dear Santa,
I would like two big planes for my brother and me, and an electric train set. Your friend,
Joe Cary



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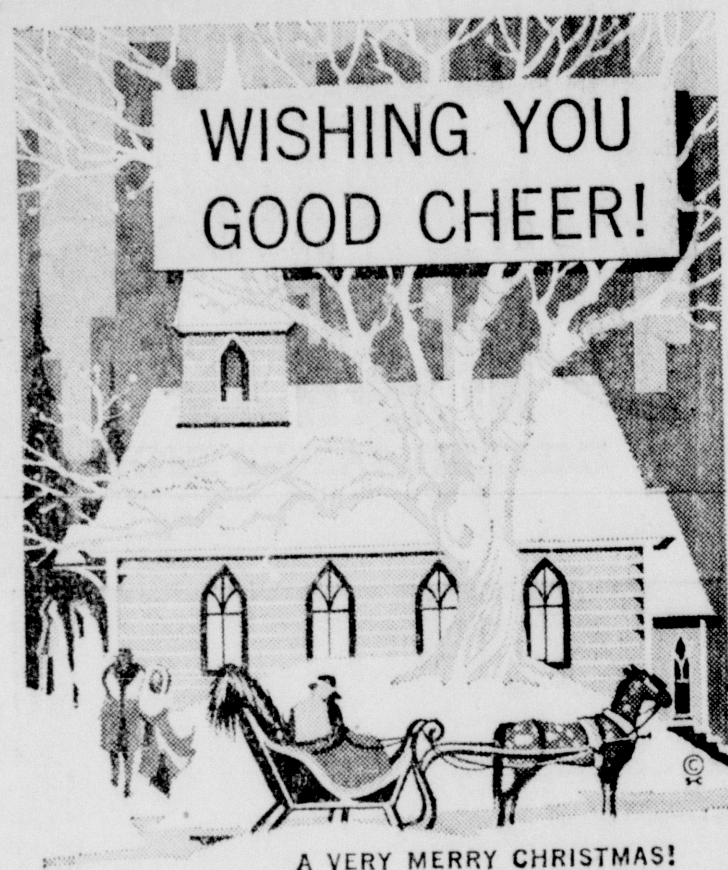
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all blessings that God may bestow,
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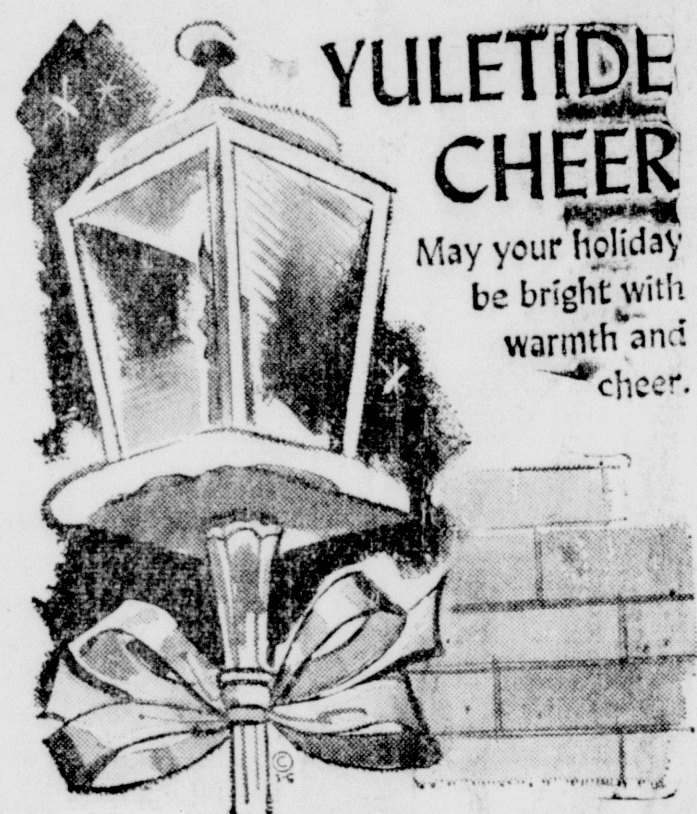


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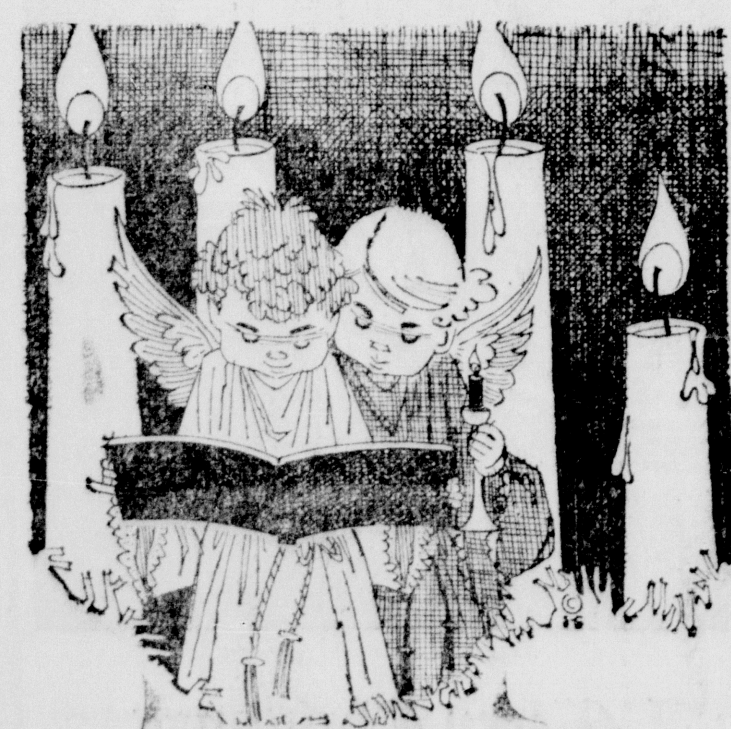
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LETTERS TO SANTA - - -

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and I have made good grades. Will you please bring me a doll and her husband and their clothes. I also want a chatty cathy doll and a spinning wheel, and some more things my sister and brother will write and tell you what they want.

Dana Devaine Wright

Dear Santa,
Vickie Gruben
Please bring me a machine gun. Thank you.
Buddy Killian

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a little doll and bicycle.

Thank you.
Francisca Ylarra

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll, a stove, some dishes and a cowboy suit. Thank you.
Olga Rivera

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll, a stove, some dishes and a cowboy suit. Thank you.
Olga Rivera

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck and an Indian cabin. This will make me happy.

Danny Hix

Dear Santa,
Please bring me two guns and a scooter.
Freddy Canales

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bride doll. And some dishes and a typewriter. Thank you.
Carolyn Harrison

Dear Santa,
I would be so happy if you would bring me a bicycle and a fire truck.
Albert Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want two guns, three pistols, a little gunshell and an army suit.
Love,
Keith Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a real ball gun. Please don't forget balloon. Please don't forget Margaret Ann and Bill. I hope I see you Christmas Eve. Love,
Jim Johnson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun and a bicycle and 2 guns.
Love,
Nemenico

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun, tool box and army gun and a bicycle.
Love,
Steve McKissack

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a BB gun. I have been a good boy.
Love,
David Bogle

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a B-B gun, two pistols and a rifle.
Love,
Scott Feagan



**May joy dwell in
your heart at Christmas**

We sincerely wish each and every one of our many friends and customers a truly blessed Christmas, one that's filled with peace, and ever-lasting happiness.

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HOLIDAY GLOW WITH
PEACE AND HAPPINESS**

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This Christmas as we worship and rejoice in celebrating the Nativity of the Prince of Peace, let us be ever mindful of the spiritual meaning of this great day and to live by and defend the teachings of Christ. Let us again reaffirm our faith in God and give thanks to Him for our countless blessings. As a nation of free people, let us pray for the less fortunate who are fettered by fear and ignorance, for the sick and those in sorrow, that they may find new hope and happiness. Let us continue to pray for the unity of all nations, that all people may dwell in enduring peace and harmony. "And of His Kingdom there shall be no end."

Merry Christmas

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J. M. McDONALD CO.



**May the Christmas bells ring in for you
true joy beyond all measure—the kind of
joy that your heart will forever treasure.**

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Christmas Wishes

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Ricky and Gerald

YULETIDE FACT and FICTION

From the host of stories that have been written about Christmas, the great tradition of the holiday season has grown through the centuries.

Fact, myth, and legend all have blended into one package, wrapped in red and green ribbons with a sprig of holly added to sparkle the Yuletide. Still, from this wealth of material, other pertinent facts have emerged that have not been given too much attention.

Here then is such a partial compilation of Yuletide addenda:

The top ornament of a Christmas tree is usually a star representing the Star of Bethlehem which appeared to the Three Wise Men. Of course, the Christmas tree ornament can be anything else that will "top off" the tree, but actually it is known as the gipfel.

Santa Claus has been called by many names, not the least among them being Kris Kringle. However, Kris Kringle is not of German origin, common belief notwithstanding. The name comes from a modification of the German "Kriskind" or

the English believe, you should taste at least 12 Mince pies. And, of course, you must taste (or eat your fill) of each of the pies at Christmastime. How much truth there is in this legend is anybody's guess. But one thing you can bet on if you try this English story, is a stomach-ache.



Ordinarily most folks believe that December 25th is the date acknowledged by the world since the beginning of the Christian era as the birthday of Christ. Actually, for three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October—and all by various Christian groups.

Proving again and again how times have changed, a churchman by the name of John Piermont was responsible for composing the very gay and merry-making Christmas song "Jingle Bells" which has been popular for more than a century.

When the early settlers in America first came to our shores to establish the American colonies, they brought many customs of Christmas now practiced in our country with them. Many customs did not come from Europe. For example the burning of the bayberry candles and branches were common practice on our shores at the Yuletide season. It was thought that bayberry branches when dipped in wax and burned at

Christmas time would bring good luck; that is, if the branches burned brightly—and how could they not?

The present date acknowledged by the modern world as the birthdate of Christ is December 25th. This was established as late as the sixth century.

Just to give a slight indication of the population explosion in the United States, it might be well to note that it is estimated that more than 25,000,000 Christmas trees will be decorated this year. You can multiply this number by the estimated number of decorations and tree lights that will be required, and you can guess as to what proportions the Christmas business has grown.

More than one hundred years ago in the little town of Salzburg Austria, there dwelt a parish priest who was much beloved by his flock and a very devout son of the church. And it came to pass, that one night when returning from a visit to one of his parishioners where he administered the last rites, he was awestricken by the beauty and brilliance of the star-spangled night.

Once in the sanctuary of his home he is said to have been inspired by the night and the



sacred duties he had just performed, and composed a poem. Not satisfied with just the

words of his work he woke his organist Franz Gruber to put the words to music. This, the



organist did, picking out the melody on his guitar, later transposing the melody to organ music.

As a result of this historic collaboration, one of the world's greatest religious songs was born. Since then, the entire Christian world has sung this



song—and not only at Christmas time. The name of the song is "Silent Night, Holy Night," and the humble priest's name—Father Joseph Mohr.

Contrary to common belief, the giving of gifts on December 25th did not stem from the initial giving of gifts to the Christ Child in the manger by the 3 Wise Men also known as the 3 Kings of the Orient. It is true the Bible reports that when these three kings saw the star in the Heavens they made their way to Bethlehem with gifts, frankincense, myrr and gold.



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And That Joy May Be Your Companion,
This Christmas Season And Always!

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Mistletoe Said To 'Father' Romance

Mistletoe, long a symbol and signal for kissing who-ever is caught standing under it, actually is a predatory plant that entwines itself around a tree, strangling and killing it. Hardly what one might term an affectionate plant!

The ancient Arabians showed their devotion to their gods by kissing; the Romans too accepted the kiss as a sign of reverence and respect.

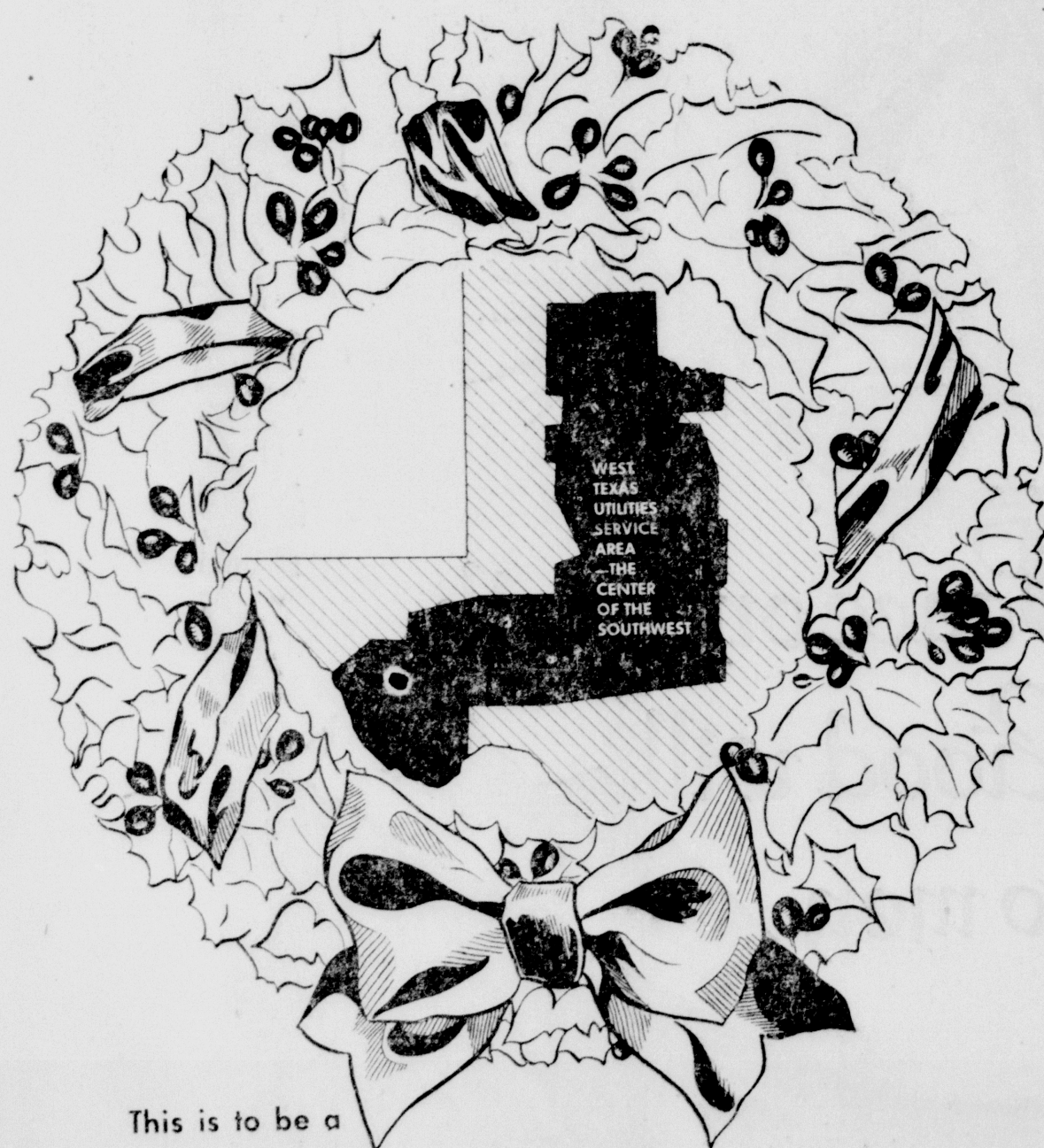
The Druids too, embraced the mistletoe, and from them perhaps, came the custom of hanging pieces of it over the doorways of their homes.

The custom of hanging the mistletoe was also widespread among the Scandinavians.

In many countries from time to time, the plant was considered a cure-all for almost every kind of ailment, but that was before modern medicine.

Today, of course, the mistletoe isn't a cure for anything, except perhaps a shy boy or girl.

But the mistletoe is a part of Christmas, and if custom decrees that being kissed if caught under it is par for the course, who can argue with tradition?



This is to be a

Merry Christmas

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So much so that this is to say, a Merry Christmas for the Center of the Southwest—the region that faces GROWTH UNLIMITED.



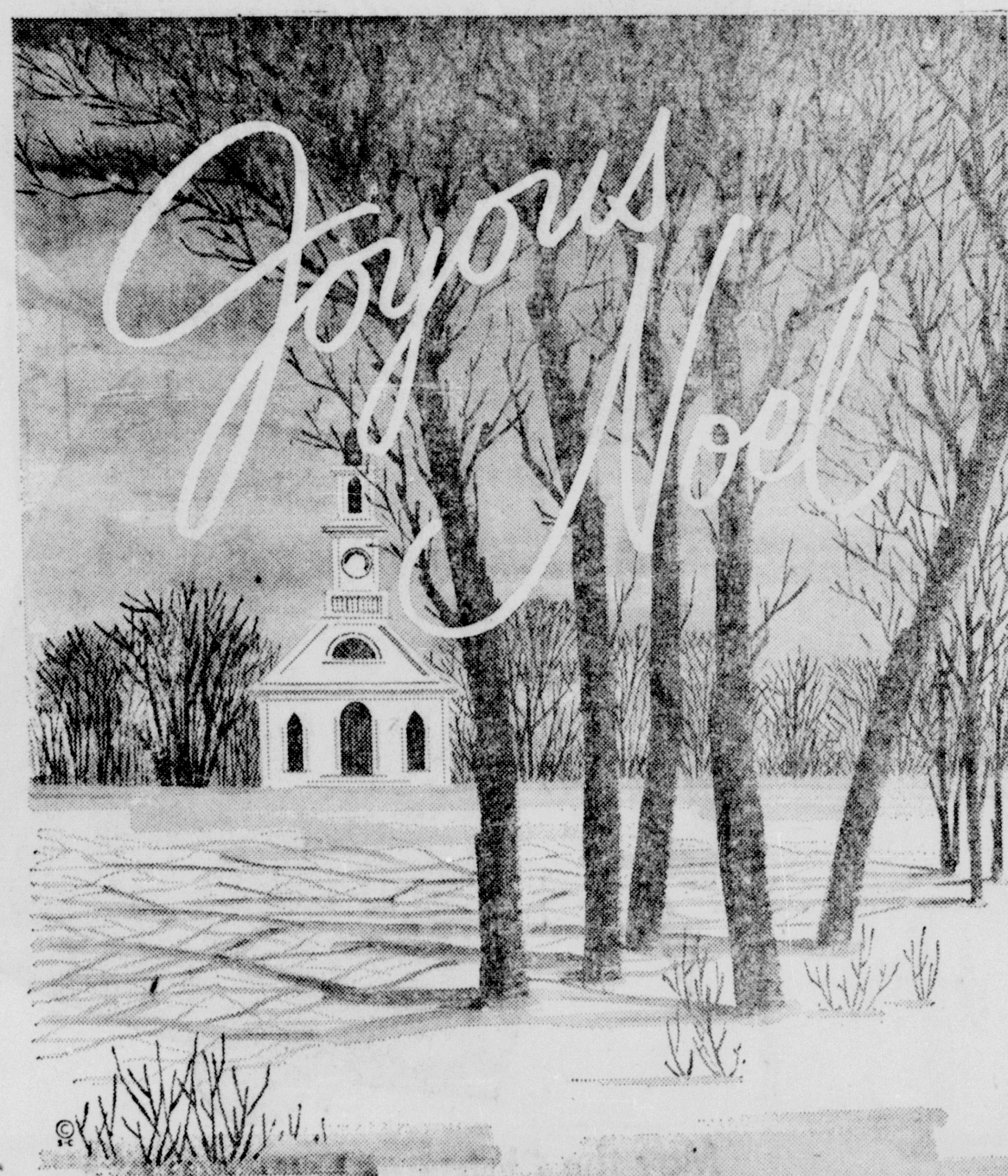
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bulldoser,
train and airplane.
Thank you,
Calvin Koonce

Dear Santa,
I am hoping for a choo-choo
train and a racer for Christmas.
I am a good boy.
Adan Falcon

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and a gun
for Christmas. Also I want a
tractor and a bicycle. Your
friend,
Danny Sikes

Dear Santa,
Please bring these gifts to
our house for me and the other
children. A ball and some jacks,
a gun and BB's, a crybaby doll,
A grader and a gun, a bride
doll, a teddy bear. Thank you.
Ruby Lee Collins

Dear Santa,
I would like some football
pants, confederate cap, a gun
and belt. Thank you.
Ronald Joe Maberry

Dear Santa,
Please bring some pretty
dolls. Thank you.
Sarah Price

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bride doll.
And a typewriter and some
dishes.
Marilyn Harrison

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sewing ma-
chine. Thank you.
Also please bring me a piano.
Thank you.
Cindy Guinn

Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me
a station and some new clothes.
Love,
Billy Waller

Dear Santa,
You would make me happy if
you would bring me some
clothes and some guns. Love,
Raul Morales

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bow and
arrows and a football. Thank
you. Eddie Offield.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little doll
and a spinning wheel. Also a
bicycle. Love,
Karan Sharp

Dear Santa,
Please bring some toys and
lots of goodies. Thank you.
David Solis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a station and
a play gun. Thank you.
Kenneth Dockins

Dear Santa,
I would be so happy if you

would bring me some goodies,
a spinning wheel and a Thumb-
alina doll.

Love, Dana

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a machine
gun and a truck.
Love, John Hudson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun and a
football.
Love, Gary Weaver

Dear Santa,
I would be happy with a pret-
ty doll and a real watch.
Thank You.

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and a Yogi
Bear.
Rudie Perez



Joyous Christmas Wishes To All

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JOY BE HIS GIFT TO YOU AND
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Merry Christmas

... may it bring you an abundance of good cheer.

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Love is the heart of Christmas;
its spirit is peace, and hope the glad-
ness. May you and yours be blessed
with these joys and every other hap-
piness for which you are wishing.

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God Rest You
Merry, Gentlemen

THERE'S A SONG IN OUR HEARTS THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON, FOR THIS IS THE

TIME WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AND

THINK MOST OF YOU, OUR FRIENDS!

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UNITED STATES ADOPTS WORLD CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

In terms of age, the United States is the youngest of the Christian nations that celebrates Christmas.

As a result, it is easy to understand that this country has borrowed its Christmas customs from many parts of the world—the celebration of the holy season being as old as it is. However, the greatest contributors to our customs at the Yuletide have been England, Germany, Italy, Holland, Switzerland and Bavaria. But the "borrowing" American have done from their neighbors of the world underwent changes indigenous to our country, with some of the trimmings not picked up at all.

ENGLAND

In England, they have a Boxing day, and why it is called "Boxing" is not known. Some theorists ascribe the name to the fact that the day are left for the postman. This has spread to include the milkman and others who have performed services for the household.

SWISS

The business of the sleigh and six reindeer has been borrowed from the Swiss. But instead of our version of Santa Claus directing his team across the sky, they have an angel in the driver's seat, who comes bearing gifts.

BAVARIA

Candles in the window at Christmas Eve comes from Bavaria, where the custom indicates the tradition of lighting the way for Kristkind, messenger for the Infant Jesus.

THE YULE LOG

From England and Italy — though many miles apart — comes the custom of the burning of the Yule log. The more romantic Italians dress up their ceremony by having their children stand blindfolded before the burning log and recite a poem. When the children are finished reciting, the blindfolds are removed and at their feet are gifts. The log takes the place of the Christmas tree.

THE URN OF FATE

Another quaint custom prevails in Italy and Spain—in regards to the giving of gifts. In these two countries all gifts are placed in a large bowl called the "Urn of Fate." In it are dumped presents for all, none of them marked. Then each person draws a gift, examines it and trades among the members of the family until each receives a suitable present.

HOLLAND

In Holland they play a guessing and hunting game when it comes to passing out Christmas gifts. They put small gifts into enormous packages, hide large gifts in remote parts of the house, and use other more ingenious devices for hiding the gifts the in bedding of them in sausages. The fun of course, is not only in the finding of the presents but also in guessing what they might be.

GERMANY

The Germans have a similar game but with a different twist. They wrap a gift and put a person's name on it. Then they wrap it again with still another person's name on it. This goes on until the package is quite large. Then when it comes to the unwrapping ceremony, each person expectantly unwraps until finally there are no more "addresses" and the gift reaches its intended destination.

MEXICO

Mexican children do not hang stockings at fireplaces, as there are few in this tropical country. Thus the giving of gifts and goodies for children is surrounded by the custom of breaking the pinata (pronounced pin-yata). The pinata is a large earthenware pot, around which pot is then filled with gifts, paper figures of birds, animals and even boats are created. The cakes, candy and other good things. The filled pinata is hung by a rope from a rafter, and the children gather beneath it blindfolded. At a signal the children armed with sticks strike out at where they think the pinata is, break it and the goodies come tumbling down; at which point the scramble begins.

THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippines, predominately Catholic, start their Christmas on December 16th and climax eight days of Mass worship at 3 a.m. with midnight services held at Christmas Eve. That is the signal for the fireworks, the exchanging of gifts, caroling and general merry-making to begin. The final Christmas festivities come to a conclusion January 6th, which is the date of the visit of the three kings of the East.

SWEDEN

Christmas in Sweden is actually the celebration of St. Lucia—and held on December 13th. On this day the oldest girl in each family rises early, dons a long white dress and crowns herself with lighted candles. Then she wakes the family and serves coffee and cake.

The Scandinavian countries

also have a delightful custom at Christmas time. In Sweden, Denmark and Norway, a tree is loaded with a sheaf of wheat for the birds on Christmas Eve. Beneath the tree, the children sprinkle pieces of suet.

JAPAN

When the GIs were in Japan they brought many State-side ideas, not the least of which was Christmas. The Japanese were quick to adopt the custom and now have their Kurisumasu (Christmas), but it's more like wild New Year celebrations we express in the United States. Their New Year is celebrated much as we do Christmas.

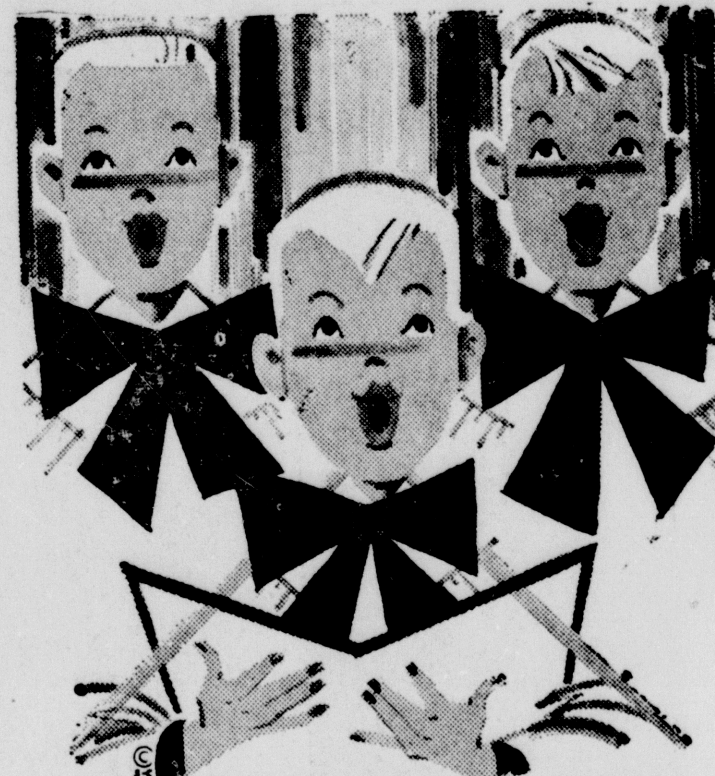
The traditional festival colors in Japan are red and green and white, so it was easy for them to adopt the accepted Christmas colors we enjoy. But the Japanese have "modernized" their version of Santa Claus—and instead of the fat, jolly, rosy-cheeked fellow with the white beard, they dress their prettiest girls in the traditional regalia and the shorter the dresses they wear, the better.

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Old-fashioned
Christmas
cheer we
send your
way in
hope that
it brightens
up your Holiday!



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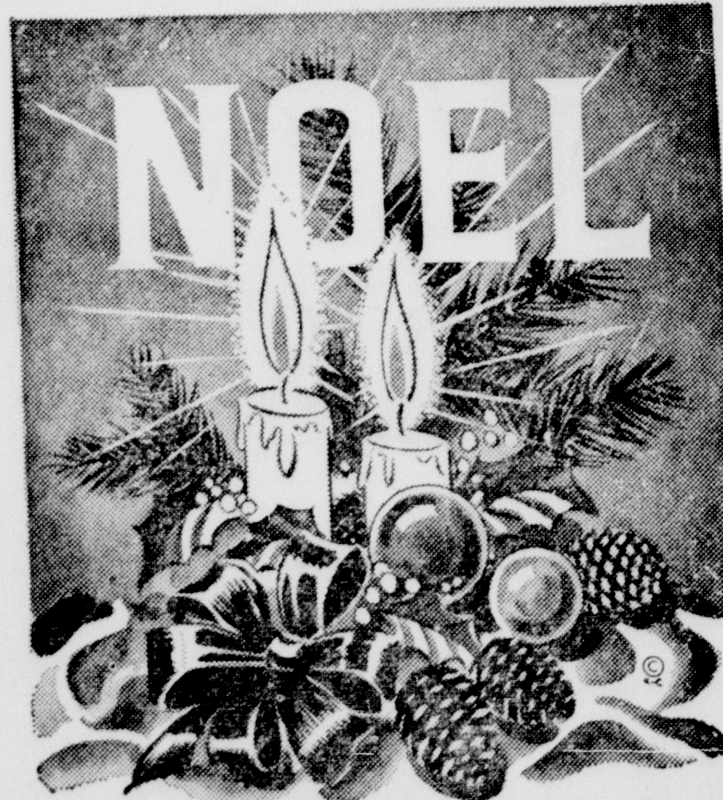
Eugene, Joyce, Caron and James



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THE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS—AND FOREVER!**

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Christmas—the birthday of Him
who brought Love to us.

Christmas—the day to remember
His many blessings.

Christmas—the time to wish the
best to all our friends!

"This is my individual message and wish to each of you"
Mrs. Tom Teague and family



God Bless You At Christmas

May the Spiritual Truth of This
Holy Season Bring You and Yours
Lasting Peace, Joy and Happiness

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and families

Christmas Story Borrows Legends From Ancients

In establishing the date by which Christmas is celebrated commemorating the birth of Christ, it is interesting to note that Christendom did not begin its calendar computations until almost 550 years after the birth of Christ.

Much of the Christmas story is still unknown and untold; but legend and story has traced its history since the beginning when Christ preached among the people, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Christ was thirty years of age when the people of His time recognized Him as the Messiah of God. In face of the shepherds and Three Wise Men, it wasn't until the Holy Spirit descended upon Him at the baptism in the Jordan that His teachings were accepted by the Christian world.

Strangely enough, many influences have had their effect on the festival of Christmas as it is practiced today, and none of them "Christian" in the true sense of the word. Yet, with them lies the true, romantic, rich beginnings of the Christmas Story.

History tells us that from every epoch of history, from the old, old Babylonian Festivals, to the Druid Mysteries, from the Roman Saturnalia, to the Egyptian Midwinter Festival of Foods and finally to Christ Himself, has come segments of the whole of the Christmas Story.

But there is more to the Christmas Story. Much of what the Christian world in this twentieth century observes, stems from a time long years and even centuries before Christ.



And it wasn't until the third century that the western countries accepted Him as the Son of God since His birth. Each of the four Gospel narratives, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, testify to this.

Since the beginning of the recordings of early civilization — from the most primitive societies — it was believed that the period of the winter solstice ended and the sun took on new strength to give brilliance, light and fertility to the world, a period of joyousness and thanks should be celebrated throughout the world.

In the time of the Romans, Persians and Germanic tribes when the world was younger, December 25 was the day set aside for pagan festivities. It is thought in some quarters that the Christians "invented" Christmas as a sort of competitive holiday.

And so, out of Yule of the Northern Europeans, the Noel of the French, the Noche Buena of the Spaniards, the Weihnachten of the Germans and the Christ Mass of the early Roman Catholic Church, the gay, glorious, deeply religious holiday that is Christmas has come to us.



Bless You at Christmastime

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Merry Christmas to our friends!

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LETTERS TO SANTA - - -

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle.
Love,
Freddie De Hayos

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a army gun
and a to-l box. I have been a
good b y. Love,
Lanny Wood

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, and a
buggy and some house shoes.
Love,
Jeanne Ann Janke

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun
and a bicycle.
Tommy Rangel

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some socks,
candy and gum. Love,
Dorothy Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun
and a rifle.
Love,
George Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle
and a gun.
Love,
Jose Cisnerus

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some dishes
and a bicycle.
Love,
Gracie Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a Barbie doll
and a coke machine. Elise wants
wants a Ken doll and a doll
that moves. Thank you.
Love, Elaine Kelley

Dear Santa,
I want a thirsty cry baby and
a target gun. I want a major-
ette suit and a Ken doll.
Jeri Ann Waggoner

Dear Santa,
I have a stocking for you to
fill with candy. Please fill
Clau's stockington, too.
Love from
Roy Scifres

Dear Santa,
I need a big color book and
colors, and I need five big pen-
cils and a big tablet.
Love,
Kerry Dansby

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this
year. I would like to have a
buggy swing set, puzzles,

games, house shoes, house
coats.
Thank you.
Teresa Thate

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll and
some clothes.
I love you,
Danna Lewis

Dear Santa,
I want a Betsy McCall doll
and some clothes.
I love you,
Diana Lewis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll that
moves. Love,
Martha Conner

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a firetruck
and a bicycle. I have been a
good boy. Thank you.
Love,
George LaFerner

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this
year. I would like for you to
come to see me. I live at 810
S.E. Ave. A.
I would like for you to bring
me a fire truck, a sweater and
some nuts and candy.
I love you very much.
Virgil Allen Turner

Dear Santa,
I am a boy and soon will be
12 years old. I am writing for
my brothers and sisters. I
would like to have a B-B gun,
and a chinese checker game.
My name is David Collins. My
sister Jenny, 9 years old wants
a ball and jacks, puzzle and a
doll; my sister Ruby, 7, wants
a doll and buggy; my sister,
Mary, 5, wants a doll and suit-
case; my brother Charlie 4,
wants a little train and cars.
I have a brother 6 weeks old,
Curtis, and a sister, Barbara,
16. Please bring them some-
thing. Daddy hasn't worked
much and we've had a big hospi-
tal bill. We would love to see
you, Santa Claus.
We love you,
David Collins, brothers
and sisters.

Dear Santa,
I am five years old and I
would like for y u to bring me
a transistor radio and a Sno-
Cone machine if you can find
one. My daddy said you might
not have enough for all the
boys and girls. If not, just any-
thing y u have left in your bag
will be fine with me.
I love you.
Cheryl Lewis

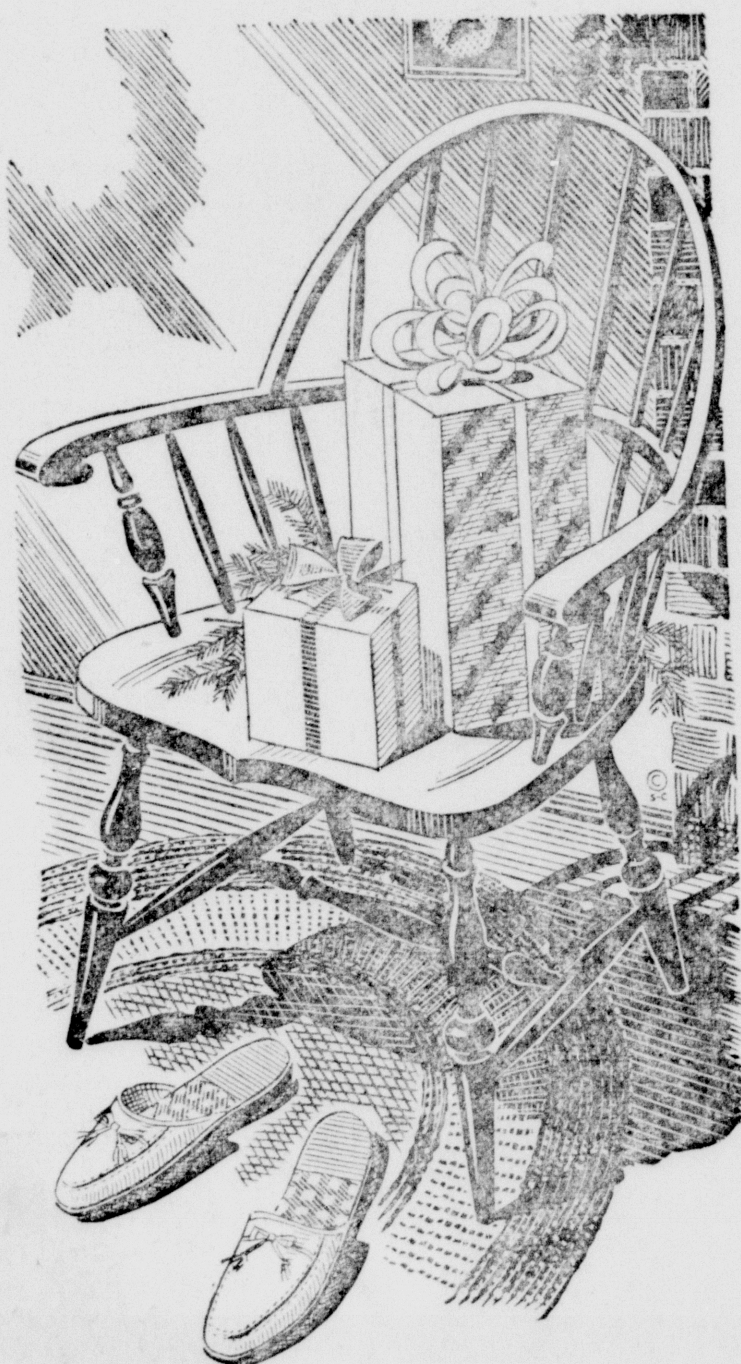


Peace on Earth

May the wondrous
peace and joy of the newborn
King abide with you and
your family throughout this
Christmas and forever after!

FARMER'S COOPERATIVE GIN

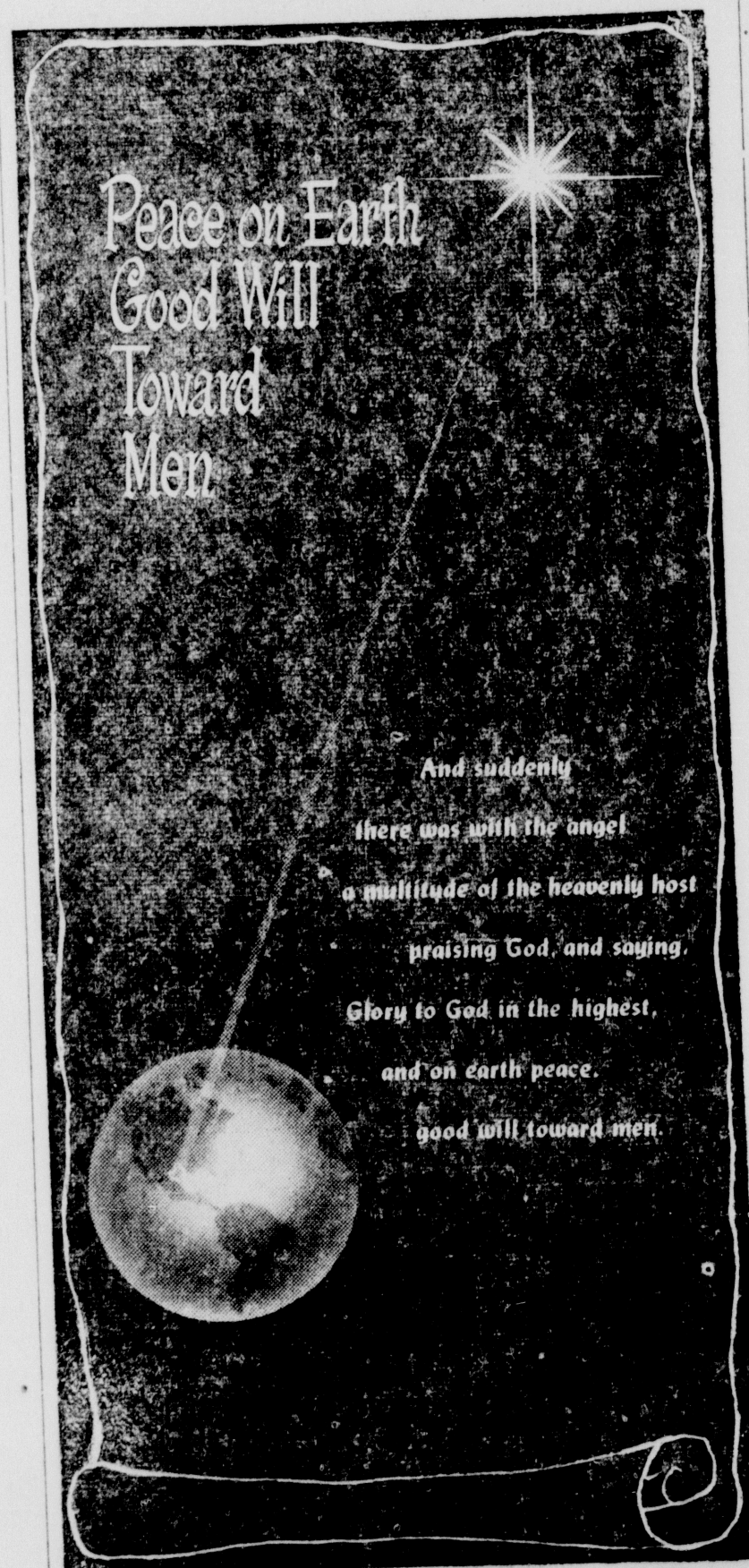
WATT FLETCHER, Manager



OUR FRIENDLIEST
YULETIDE WISHES

One of the joys of
the Christmas season is the
opportunity to extend to all of
you our best wishes.

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This is the season
when all hearts are
filled with a prayer for peace... when
we wish every blessing to you and yours.

"FROM ALL OF US AT PIGGLY WIGGLY"



We're hoping that
your Christmas holiday is
as wonderful as it can be —
so gay and sparkling that each
day far outshines the brightest
glittering bauble on your tree!

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